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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/146,835	Applicant(s) Ito et al
Examiner Mark Wallerson	Art Unit 2626



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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jul 21, 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 52-64 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 52-64 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: amendment filed on **7/21/2003**.
2. This application has been reconsidered. Claims 52-64 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.

102(b) as being anticipated by Petruchik et al (Petruchik) (U. S. 5,619,738).

With respect to claims 52, 53, 54, and 55, Petruchik discloses a digital camera (column 5, lines 50-54) comprising a memory (40) which is separable from the camera; means for capturing picture information corresponding to an image and storing the picture information on the memory while the memory is attached to the camera (column 5, lines 50-54); and a control information processor (76) for signaling to the memory (column 5, lines 50-54) how the image derived from the picture information is to be rotated during imaging of the image according to a user operation

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(column 4, lines 46-65) when the memory is separated from the camera (which reads on selecting a print format) (column 4, lines 38-66), the signaling initiated after the picture information is captured (column 4, lines 38-45), and a display unit (48) for displaying according to a user operation a rotated image of the picture information (which reads on changing the image format and horizontal or vertical orientation of the image) (the abstract, lines 3-6).

With respect to claims 56, 57, 58, and 59, Petruchik discloses changing the rotation angle by 90⁰ (which reads on rotating the image in a vertical or horizontal manner (column 4, lines 59-66).

With regard to claims 60-64, Petruchik discloses that the display image is adapted to the size of the display unit when changing the rotation angle (which reads on the panel displaying a full picture during the editing process, which includes rotation) (column 4, lines 38-45).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 7/21/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant submits that Petruchik does not disclose rotating the image itself. The Examiner disagrees. Petruchik discloses that the orientation of the print image, between vertical or horizontal is selected by depressing input element 59 (column 4, lines 59-61) and changing the image format and horizontal or vertical orientation of the image (the abstract, lines 3-6).

Applicant also submits that the memory (40) of Petruchik does not store editing information.

Again the Examiner disagrees. Petruchik discloses that editing data is recorded magnetically on

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the film and data recorded magnetically on the film may be recorded on the floppy disk (40) (column 4, lines 13-20 and lines 25-37).

Conclusion

6. All claims are rejected.
7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Wallerson whose telephone number is (703) 305-8581.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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